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ALL AGRICULTURAL STUDENTS MAY GO BACK TO THE FARM

Faculty of College Decides to Give Semester Credits to Those Who Can Be Used in Cultivation of Crops.

FOOD GREAT NEED NOW, SAYS DEAN

F. B. Mumford Appointed at Chicago Conference as a Member of Committee to Recommend Plans.

Holding that young men who serve their country on the farm in times when the food supply is an all-important factor in the nation's welfare are just as patriotic as those who should a musket, the members of the faculty of the College of Agriculture voted unanimously this morning to excuse all students in that division of the University who are needed to work on farms.

The exact conditions were left to a committee, which will outline the steps necessary to obtain an excuse. Students taking advantage of the privilege will have to produce statements certifying that they are actually needed to help in the cultivation of crops. Full credit will be given all who are excused, the grade being the standing at the time of leaving.

Food Must Be Mobilized.
"Of equal importance with the mobilization of military units is the mobilization of food products," said Dean F. B. Mumford this morning. "The time to devote attention to this essential factor is now, and not after several years of war, as conditions in Germany today show."

"Investigations and reports show us that there are two methods of increasing food production: First, by enlarging the area under cultivation; second, by intensifying methods of production. The limiting factor in both cases is labor. More farm labor is needed throughout the United States."

"If it is true that an army fights upon its stomach, and that the food problem is as important as events in European countries would lead us to believe, then every effort expended to increase the production in this country now will prove of inestimable value later."

Dean Mumford on Food Committee.

Dean Mumford has just returned from two national conferences of directors of agricultural movements in the United States. The conferences were called to recommend a federal program of national agricultural preparedness. At Chicago, Dean Mumford was one of a committee of five appointed by the National Agricultural Society of America to recommend a plan to Congress for furnishing sufficient clothing and food supply. The conference at St. Louis was called by David F. Houston, Secretary of Agriculture, for the same purpose.

Enlistment for agricultural service similar to that of military service, in which the men engaged will be considered a part of the regular army, is one of the plans which will be proposed to Congress. Another proposal is that colleges excuse students for farm labor on the same conditions that they now excuse them for military service.

Boys' and Girls' Clubs to Help.
Plans were also formulated for starting a national campaign for saving all food possible by canning and preserving. This work will be pushed by boys' and girls' canning clubs, under the direction of the colleges of agriculture.

"The food problem is as much a problem for the consumer as for the producer," said Dean Mumford. "Consumers waste much, and the Government is making plans to prevent this waste. It is here that the women can help most."

"The College of Agriculture, especially the extension service, will direct all its energies to aid in the national need of food production. It must be done now, in the planting season."

Other members of the committee to which Dean Mumford was appointed are: Dean E. A. Davenport, University of Illinois; H. J. Waters, president of the Kansas State Agricultural

THE CALENDAR

April 12.—Mrs. Walter McNab Miller speaks on "New Fields of Work for Women" in Switzer Hall, at 4:30 o'clock.
April 13.—Jefferson Day Banquet at Virginia Grill; Governor Frederick D. Gardner to speak.
April 17 to 20.—Baby Conference, Parker Memorial Hospital, 10 and 12, 1 and 3 o'clock, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday; 10 and 12 o'clock, Friday.
April 20.—Association of Collegiate Alumnae play, "The Man Who Married a Dumb Wife," University Auditorium.
May 4.—Twelfth Annual Farmers' Fair.
May 5.—Fourteenth Annual High School Day.

College; Howard Davidson, president of the International Livestock Exposition, and E. D. Funk, an Illinois farmer.

GET MILITARY HERE

If Conscription Passes University Can Train Those From High Schools.

Should Congress pass the conscription measure that has been advocated, it will have little effect on the University next year as one-third of the present enrollment are women and as the age limits, which many think will be in the bill, will be high enough to allow many of the prospective students, who are now in high school, to come to the University and receive two years of military training. Intercollegiate athletic engagements of the University will not be cancelled this spring for if the students are called out soon, the physical training which they receive will be of value to them in the army. This was the opinion of President A. Ross Hill this afternoon when asked what the University would do in case of the passage of the conscription measure.

Doctor Hill said that since Congress had taken no definite steps in regard to the conscription the only action that had been taken was done by the Board of Curators last week. The plan of the College of Agriculture in allowing the agricultural students to receive credit for the semester's work should they help the Government by raising greater crops was only a phase of the board's action. The other departments may do the same should they feel that the students enrolled would be of more service than in the regular army.

Doctor Hill returned last night from St. Louis where he and Dean Mumford of the College of Agriculture attended a meeting composed of presidents and deans of twenty-six agricultural colleges which had been called by Secretary of Agriculture D. F. Houston, to study means of production and distribution of food products and how the work should be organized. Missouri's representatives left last night before action was taken on the resolutions. The colleges represented were all in the nation except those in the New England States and on the Pacific Coast.

Meetings will be held in these districts later. Doctor Hill said that he expected Secretary Houston to call more meetings in the future.

GREAT SMASH GOES ON

General Haig Expects to Have 15,000 Prisoners and 100 Guns by Tonight.

By United Press
WITH THE BRITISH ARMIES IN THE FIELD, April 10.—There is every reason to believe that by tonight the great British smash will have netted General Haig 15,000 prisoners and from 50 to 100 guns. The driving smashes were continued today, even with bitter opposition from the enemy.

BANNER CORN YIELD NECESSARY

Farm Crops Department Says Shortage of Other Cereals Demand It.
The department of farm crops has issued a statement that a greater quantity of corn must be raised this year than ever before. There is a shortage of all other cereals, and food stuffs are scarcer than they have been in the last ten years. This is due to unfavorable weather and shipments abroad.

U. S. Agricultural Tests Tomorrow.
Examinations for scientific assistants in the Department of Agriculture will be held at 8:30 o'clock tomorrow morning at the postoffice. Several senior and graduate students in the College of Agriculture will take the examination.

EXPLOSION KILLS 100 AT BALDWIN PLANT

200 Are Injured at Philadelphia Locomotive and Munitions Works.

WRECKS 9 BUILDINGS

Shock of Mysterious Origin Being Investigated by Government.

BULLETIN

By United Press
CHESTER, Pa., April 10.—At least 100 persons are dead as the result of the explosion said Coroner White late this afternoon. Many bodies are being removed from the ruins and with one exception, all are beyond all possible chance of recognition. Shells continue to burst this evening endangering those who are searching the ruins for more of the dead.

By United Press
CHESTER, Pa., April 10.—Thousands of pounds of explosives intended to maim European soldiers today were touched off in some unknown manner and reaped a harvest of deaths among young girls and women. At least 100 employees of the Baldwin Locomotive plant were missing late this afternoon. Bits of charred bodies were found scattered throughout the entire plant. This made it difficult to account for the exact number of deaths. The hospitals are all filled.

Armed guards, inspired by wild rumors of German plots, are determined to search out those responsible for the explosion and every precaution is being taken to keep inquisitive persons away from the plant. The cries of sorrowing ones arose all afternoon, but they were of no avail in influencing the guards to permit relatives to gain admission to the grounds.

By United Press
PHILADELPHIA, April 10.—Eddystone police headquarters at 1 o'clock today estimated that at least fifty persons, many girls, were killed and probably two hundred injured, when a series of mysterious explosions destroyed the main section of the Baldwin Locomotive Works munitions factory at 10 o'clock today.

Nine buildings in Section F, with machinery worth millions of dollars, were completely shattered by the shock, which shook the city like an earthquake. Practically every building in the entire plant is damaged.

The origin of the explosions is being investigated this afternoon by a detachment of expert Government agents sent by the Department of Justice. The Government agents are proceeding on the theory that the explosions are not accidental.

Capitol Grounds Guard Increased.

By United Press
WASHINGTON, April 10.—Reports of a plot to blow up the capitol received by secret service operatives in New York resulted in increased guards on the grounds today. Fifty officers will be on duty at night, and no one will be allowed to enter the grounds after sunset without a permit.

COLUMBIANS TO WED AT MEXICO

F. T. Leebick and Mrs. Masie M. Goff Will Be Married Tonight.

F. T. Leebick and Mrs. Masie Murry Goff will be married tonight at Mexico, Mo. Mr. Leebick is a merchant on Wilkes boulevard. Mrs. Goff is a daughter of W. H. Murry, who lives four and one-half miles north of Columbia. She is the widow of E. S. Goff, who died about two years ago. Mrs. C. M. Murry, 404 St. Joseph street, accompanied her sister-in-law, Mrs. Goff to Mexico for the wedding. Mr. and Mrs. Leebick will live in Columbia.

PAYS HIGH PRICE FOR CORN

Animal Husbandry Department Buys Carload at \$1.25 a Bushel.
The animal husbandry department has bought a carload of corn at \$1.25 a bushel at Omaha, Neb. The last carload of alfalfa bought by the dairy department cost \$24 a ton. According to E. E. Brown, business manager of the University, in the last few years corn has been selling at this time of year for about 75 cents a bushel and alfalfa hay for \$13 to \$15 a ton. Alfalfa, he says, is selling now for \$30 a ton.

CONGRESS IS BUSILY PREPARING FOR WAR

Roosevelt Lays Before Wilson His Plans for U. S. Army in Europe.

KITCHIN FOR BILLS

Argentine Resists the Allied Moves to Have Embargo on Wheat Lifted.

By United Press

WASHINGTON, April 10.—War work ground steadily along in all Government departments today. Congressional committees were all busy with spy bills, the \$5,000,000,000 bond issue and preparations of the Army Bill. Colonel Roosevelt furnished the only relief for the drab background of war preparation. With a broad smile he bounded up the White House steps to "talk a little business" with President Wilson and incidentally set the newspaper men and White House employees "on their ears" for a time.

The colonel laid before the President the details of his plans to send a volunteer division to the European battlefield. "The President, doubtless in his own due time, will render a decision," said Roosevelt when he came out. Before a meeting with his Cabinet, President Wilson took a little time to exert pressure on Representative Anthony, Republican opponent of the Conscription Bill in the House Military Affairs Committee.

Secretary of War Baker spent the morning with the committee at the Capitol, arguing in favor of the bill. Representative Kitchen, chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, returned to town and announced his willingness to handle all war measures in spite of his stand against war. His opposition, he said, ended with the passage of the war resolution.

Argentine Tries to Keep Embargo.

By United Press
BUENOS AIRES, April 10.—Argentine is determined not to yield to British and American pressure for lifting its embargo on wheat, unless this is absolutely necessary. Today feeling against Great Britain reached an acute stage when an acrimonious conference between President Lrigoyen and the British minister, Sir Reginald Tower, reached the public.

The President today dispatched an Argentine transport vessel to Chile to purchase coal. He was also negotiating for a supply of coal from Colombia, and it was officially intimated that the entire Argentine navy may be assigned to carry coal in this way. It was admitted that unless Argentine is thus able to obtain coal, withholding of such fuel by England and the United States would practically paralyze industries.

Austria Breaks With the U. S.

By United Press
WASHINGTON, April 10.—Austria broke relations with the United States because of this country's announcement of war against Germany. Charge Grew of the American Embassy at Vienna cabled to the State Department today. Grew's message was the first message of the break to come directly to this Government from Vienna.

DECIDES 'PHONE CASE

Supreme Court Upholds Action of Public Service Commission.

The Supreme Court today decided against the Columbia Telephone Company in the case appealed from the Public Service Commission. The commission decided that the telephone company could not require an advance payment of \$3, could not charge a removal fee, and could not charge 50 cents a month extra to boarding and rooming houses. It also fixed a valuation of \$182,000 on the telephone plant.

The Supreme Court sustained all of these findings, except the rooming and boarding house rate, which it held could be 50 cents a month more than the ordinary dwelling. This is the suit that the Rev. J. Ben Sims brought against the telephone company about two years ago. McBaine and Clark and W. M. Williams represented the telephone company. N. T. Gentry was attorney for Mr. Sims and others.

Library Gets New Catalogue Cases.

Three new catalogue cases have taken the place of the old ones in the general library. All the index cards have been brought up to date.

THE WEATHER

For Columbia and Vicinity: Partly cloudy and warmer tonight and Wednesday.

For Missouri: Partly cloudy tonight and Wednesday, probably becoming unsettled west portion; warmer tonight, and east and south portions Wednesday.

Weather Conditions.
The cool wave that crossed the Plains and Mississippi Valley during the past few days is this morning over the eastern states, and has given frost as far south as Alabama and Georgia.

West of the Mississippi River the weather is growing warmer but at the same time somewhat unsettled and stormy. There was no rain in the principal grain and cotton belts during the past twenty-four hours.

Freezing weather is confined to the Canadian border and a few northern Rocky Mountain states. Fair weather with rising temperature will prevail in Columbia during the next thirty-six hours becoming somewhat unsettled near the close of the period.

Local Data.
The highest temperature in Columbia yesterday was 57 and the lowest last night was 41; precipitation 0.00; relative humidity 2 p. m. yesterday 30 per cent. A year ago yesterday the highest temperature was 50 and the lowest 20 precipitation 0.00 inch.

The Almanac.
Sun rises today 5:40 a. m. Sun sets, 6:41 p. m.
Moon rises 10:22 p. m.

The Temperatures Today.
7 a. m. 42 11 a. m. 50
8 a. m. 45 12 noon 63
9 a. m. 52 1 p. m. 65
10 a. m. 55 2 p. m. 67

STEAMER STRIKES MINE

New York, Third Ship of American Line, Crippled Near Liverpool.

By United Press

WASHINGTON, April 10.—The American liner New York struck a mine last night while outside Liverpool harbor, but her passengers are saved and she is entering dock under her own power, a cablegram to the State Department announced today. The message said the liner struck a mine at 7:40 o'clock last night five miles outside of Liverpool harbor. Her passengers were transferred to other vessels and landed. The message came from Consul Washington at Liverpool.

New York Carried Seven Americans.

By United Press
NEW YORK, April 10.—The American liner New York sailed from an American port March 31 and was the third armed passenger ship of the American Line to sail. The St. Louis, the first, returned yesterday. The St. Paul, the second, is safe on the other side. The New York, 11,000 tons, steel-screw steamer, registered in New York, carried seven Americans. Her passenger list included fifteen firstclass, twenty-two secondclass and twenty-one thirdclass passengers.

Passengers on the American Liner St. Louis, just arrived, brought word of the extraordinary activities of the Germans in sowing mines off the entrance of Liverpool harbor. It is to one of these that the New York must have fallen victim, since she was probably proceeding under a pilot when she was struck, and the British pilots are carefully apprised of the location of the British mine fields.

WAR LOOMS IN BRAZIL

Reported That Passports for German Officials Are Ready for Delivery.

By United Press

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil, April 10.—War loomed as more likely than a mere diplomatic rupture between Brazil and Germany this afternoon. The city is seething with demands for instant hostilities. Foreign Minister Muller was reported to have resigned, with other members of the cabinet. It was understood that passports for the German minister and German consuls already have been signed, ready for instant delivery.

BOY OF 18 TO STATE PRISON

Floyd Branham Sentenced for Five Years for Forgery.

Floyd Branham, 18 years old, this morning was sentenced to five years in the Missouri penitentiary for forgery. Branham has two brothers, both of whom have been in trouble. One is on parole now. Judge Harris will consider a parole for Floyd Branham later.

In the case of Woods against Wilson, a suit for damages for slander, the plaintiff was awarded \$500 on confession of the defendant and consent of the plaintiff.

Judge Spencer to Address Students.
Judge Selden P. Spencer of St. Louis, a member of the executive committee of the American Bar Association, will address the students of the School of Law April 20 and 21 on "Legal Ethics."

J. E. BOGGS TO BEGIN NEW DUTIES TONIGHT

Columbia's City Officers Will Take Oath at the Regular Council Meeting.

WILL GIVE BANQUET

J. M. Batterton To Entertain Members of the Administration at Athens.

J. E. Boggs.

"In taking up the duties as mayor, I realize the responsibilities that are placed upon me; but I will try to the best of my ability to handle the business of the city in a most satisfactory manner."

J. M. Batterton.

"I have done what I thought best at all times and have tried to look after the city's best interests in the best possible manner. I think and examination of the financial statement of the two years will show that we have handled our work in a business-like manner. Now, in going out of office I want to thank the people of Columbia for honoring me with the position and for their co-operation. I believe Mr. Boggs will be a good mayor and do his best to give Columbia a good administration."

Columbia's new city officers will begin their terms tonight, when, after the oath of office is given, J. M. Batterton, the present mayor, hands over the gavel to James E. Boggs, elected to the office last Tuesday. The meeting tonight is a regular adjourned meeting of the city council. The new councilmen will be sworn in, as will also the other city officers. Preceding the council meeting Mayor J. M. Batterton will give a banquet at the Athens Hotel for members of the old and new administrations.

The new mayor, Mr. Boggs, will make only two appointments, he says, at present. Whether he would make others later he did not say. N. B. Hickman will succeed J. M. Pennington as sanitary officer, and will serve also as transient officer. With the combination of these two offices, the city pays \$30 of the monthly salary and the school district \$40. The other appointee is Robert Maddox, who will succeed Jack Coats as superintendent of street work.

The list of city officers follows: Mayor, J. E. Boggs; attorney, George S. Starrett; collector, Berry W. Jacobs; assessor, J. H. Barnett; marshal, J. L. Whitesides; police judge, M. L. Edwards; councilman first ward, J. E. Barnett; councilman second ward, Allen E. Rothwell; councilman third ward, Percy Klass; councilman fourth ward, F. F. Stephens.

Members of the old administration are retiring from office proud of their achievements. In the last two years, they have spent \$60,000 for improvement in Columbia, the water and light rates have been lowered and improvements and extensions have been made on the water and light service. The retiring administration has put in more water mains than any preceding one. During the two years of its term, \$41,000 of bonded indebtedness has been paid, in fact, all bonds that can be paid before 1930, excepting a serial bond of \$2,000 a year have been retired.

DOCTOR NOYES IS A CAPTAIN

Faculty Man Receives Promotion in Medical Officers' Reserve Corps.

Dr. Guy L. Noyes has been promoted from first lieutenant to captain in the Medical Officers' Reserve Corps of the United States Army. He received his captain's commission yesterday. Doctor Noyes has been a first lieutenant in the medical corps for more than six years. He has been called into active service from time to time for a day or two to examine recruits. Yesterday he conducted the medical examination of the applicants for commissions in the Officers' Reserve Corps.

PLAN TRAINING CAMP HERE

Directors of the Commercial Club in Session This Afternoon.

The directors of the Commercial Club met at 4 o'clock this afternoon to discuss plans for getting a training camp located here if the Chamberlain Act passes Congress. A preliminary meeting was held by business men Saturday when committees were appointed.